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ABSTRACT

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Isolated Bifidobacterium strains are obtained that secrete a siderophore that inhibits the growth of microbes in the gastrointestinal tract of an animal. Microbes inhibited include Lactococcus lactis, Clostridium difficile, and Clostridium Clostridium perfringens. The Bifidobacterium or siderophore isolated from the Bifidobacterium can be administered to an animal. The Bifidobacterium is grown under iron limiting conditions when obtaining the siderophore. Microbes are inhibited by the siderophore binding iron.